

CLAIMS

1-11 (cancelled)

12. (new) A recreational device capable of use by a seated user on both a snow-covered surface and on a water surface, comprising
 - a. a bottom board adapted for contact with the snow-covered surface or water surface, said bottom board comprising
 - i. a longitudinal central portion extending along the length of the device, said central portion being flat or concavely curved along its length and being upwardly curved at its front end and optionally also at its rear end, said central portion further comprising longitudinal steering ribs or grooves along its length, and
 - ii. longitudinal side faces arranged along each side of the central portion, said side faces being arranged in a higher position than the central portion relative to the snow-covered or water surface,
 - b. a top board attached to the bottom board, the top board having a central depression for receiving an inflatable airtight bag, said bag being adapted for providing a raised seating surface for the user, said top board further comprising depressions along its side edges adapted for receiving the user's knees and lower legs when the user is seated astride the airtight bag.
13. (new) A recreational device according to claim 12, wherein the longitudinal steering ribs or grooves comprise one or more grooves arranged essentially along the central axis of the central portion and two outer steering ribs or grooves arranged along the outer edges of the central portion.
14. (new) A recreational device according to claim 12, wherein the side faces are provided with longitudinal steering runners.
15. (new) A recreational device according to claim 12, wherein the central portion of the bottom board is tapered in the longitudinal direction such that it narrows toward the rear of the device.

16. (new) A recreational device according to claim 15 wherein the degree of taper of the sides of the central portion relative to the longitudinal axis is from 1 degree to 10 degrees.
17. (new) A recreational device according to either of claim 15 or 16 wherein the steering runners are arranged at an angle relative to the longitudinal axis of the central portion such that the steering runners taper apart toward the rear of the device.
18. A recreational device according to claim 12 wherein the steering runners are arranged at an angle of from 1 to 10 degrees.
19. (new) A recreational device according to claim 12 wherein the top board is attached to the bottom board so as to define a hollow space therebetween, the device further being provided with one or more openings at the rear of the device leading from the hollow space to the exterior of the device.
20. (new) A recreational device according to claim 12 further comprising a resilient cover for the airtight bag, said cover having a sitting portion.
21. (new) A recreational device according to claim 12, wherein the airtight bag is elongated, and is provided with attachment members at each end for attachment to the top board.
22. (new) A recreational device according to claim 12, further comprising an arrangement for releasably receiving a ball or knot on the end of a towing rope, the arrangement comprising a slot arranged at the front end of the device, the slot having an enlarged opening at one end for receiving the ball or knot from the towing line.